Where is the God of Justice?
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Where is Justice?

Malachi 2:17 – Where is the God of justice?
Luke 1: 31-32 Thou shalt bring forth a son and thou shalt call him Jesus.

Intro Camp Curry Stentor's cry to Glacier Point.
400 yrs before X – in time of Malachi deeply concerned over sins of his people
"Why do ye deal treacherously every man against his brother?"
the wrong-doers cried – Where is the God of justice? – Malachi makes it the cry of his suffering heart.
across the chasm separating the O.T. from the New T. comes the answer Lk. 1:31
"Thou shalt bring forth a son & thou shalt call him Jesus."

I. Humanity's persistent cry –
1. The sense of need a universal experience – voiced as strongly today as did Malachi.
2. Christmas times remind us afresh that the voice of man's need is answered by the joyful promise of hope.
3. Where is the God of justice? – What urgency in this cry.
The cry from Macedonia to Paul
The cry of earthquake stricken Japan
A picture of needy humanity – not without hope.

2/ 4. To-day's sad plight.
Among the nations - Where is the God of
justice?
Among individuals -
Families stricken, loved ones taken,
fortunes lost -
Yes the cry of Malachi is in all of us -
where is the God of justice?
Cry goes up from homes where there is no joy.
No companionship nor friendliness in many
homes.
Cry goes up from the churches -
Honest people, intelligent people need
religion, but many of them are staying
away from the churches. Why?
Is it reaction against the old Moody -
Billy Sunday evangelism?
Is it compromise with the evils of the world?
Have the churches ceased to present the old
gospel of salvation?
It is also the cry of our nation - Where is
there justice in our economic order?
In our political procedure?

II. To all this need - comes back the answer
cry of
"Thou shalt bring forth a Son and thou
shalt call His name Jesus.
What is there in Jesus that can meet
our needs?
1. Consider his tender compassion
~~Blind~~ Blind Bartimeus - "Jesus thou son of David,
have mercy on me."
"What wilt thou that I should do unto you?
"That I might receive my sight.
"Go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole.

3/ 2. What courage had Jesus! When the Pharisee complained of his not having washed his feet before setting down to table.—

How he turned on the Pharisees & scribes, accusing them of cleaning the outside of the plate, but leaving the inside filthy.

How he attacked the lawyers for their base deeds! Oh, it took courage to face them & tell them the truth.

His courage can help us today in setting about to right the world's wrongs!

3. With what consecration & devotion Jesus lived — and died! He could have lived an easy, secluded life — but he would not — because he had a great mission to perform.

Conclusion. — Jesus, the Savior, is ours to receive and to live!

Paragraph from Mauri's last letter.